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RESPONSE TO THE SECOND OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the second Office Action mailed on September 9, 2005, in connection with the above-identified U.S. patent application. The three-month period for response expires on December 9, 2005. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.